

CITY OF LINCOLN/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INQUIRY:
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The City of Lincoln invites letters of interest from organizations interested in implementing workforce development initiatives through American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding resources.

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding

Allowable Activities: Workforce development and job training initiatives are a clear strategy for economic recovery in response to the coronavirus pandemic and identified as an allowable use of American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Relief Funding when addressing a negative economic impact of the Covid-19 public health emergency. This includes assistance to unemployed workers, including services like job training to accelerate rehiring of unemployed workers; these services may extend to workers unemployed due to the pandemic or the resulting recession, or who were already unemployed when the pandemic began and remain so due to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic¹.

Eligibility: Existing nonprofit organizations, public/private partnerships, and/or educational entities serving people in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Process Letters of inquiry should follow the posted format completely. The outline is available at <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Mayor/American-Rescue-Plan>. Letters should be no more than three pages with an additional one-page budgets. Letters shall be received at LincolnForward@lincoln.ne.gov no later than 5:00 pm September 30, 2021. Letters received will be reviewed by a panel including members of the Mayor’s Economic Recovery Task Force. The panel will select organizations that will be invited to develop a contract with the City of Lincoln to provide a program of services specific and unique to the organizational entity and related specifically to the eligibility criteria and expectations of the American Rescue Plan. Organizations invited to develop a contract are not guaranteed such contract.

a. Timeline:

- i. September 1-30, 2021: Letters of Inquiry Accepted
- ii. October 1 – October 15, 2021: Review of Letters of Interest
- iii. October 15- November 30, 2021: Contracts Developed with Accepted Proposals
- iv. January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024: Programs Implemented

Questions: Questions may be directed to Kate Bolz, Mayoral Aide for Economic Development, KBolz@lincoln.ne.gov or (402) 429-4140.

¹ Treasury Interim Final Rule: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>